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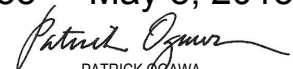
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PATRICK OGAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT  
AS-NEEDED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT SERVICES  
FLOOD PROTECTION AND WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS AT DAMS  
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to award consultant services agreements for as-needed engineering design and support services to meet workloads for flood protection and water resources projects associated with dams operated by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine and direct the services to be provided under the agreements.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Award consultant services agreements to URS Corporation, MWH Americas Inc., GEI Consultants Inc., AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure Inc., and Genterra Consultants, Inc.; and direct the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the agreements to provide as-needed engineering design and support services for various projects related to the dams operated by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for a 3-year term with two 1-year extension options. The total cost of the services under these agreements shall not exceed an aggregate total of \$12 million.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to administer the above-referenced agreements, to determine and direct the services to be provided under these agreements, and to

exercise the option to extend the contracts for two 1-year terms within the not-to-exceed aggregate total of \$12 million.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to provide the Department of Public Works with as-needed specialized engineering services for various types of flood protection and water resources projects associated with its dams. The recommended actions will expand the breadth of available expertise and provide the ability to meet project schedules during peaks in workload.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). The recommended action will help achieve this goal by the use of as-needed consultant services agreements to provide specialized expertise and to better manage fluctuations in workload while providing responsive, efficient, and high-quality public services. In turn, this action supports critical flood risk reduction and water conservation operations for the communities of Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the as-needed consultant services shall not exceed an aggregate total of \$12 million and will be financed with the Flood Control District Fund Budget. Funds for anticipated services will be programmed in each fiscal year's budget throughout the term of the agreements. It is expected the initial 3-year term will start during Fiscal Year 2014-15 and conclude in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The two 1-year options, if exercised, would be operative during Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The recommended as-needed engineering design and support services were solicited on an open-competitive basis and in accordance with Federal, State, and County requirements. The selected consultants are in compliance with the requirements of the Chief Executive Officer and the Board.

Public Works will utilize the consultants to provide various services for the dams, including inspection and evaluation of dam safety monitoring data and the structural integrity of the dams; design of remediation measures and upgrades; development of emergency repair procedures; geotechnical exploration; coordination with regulatory agencies for necessary approvals, upgrades, and repair of control and instrumentation systems; and other support services related to the dams.

The selected consultants were determined to be well qualified to provide the as-needed engineering design and support services. Each of these firms has various technical specialty areas of expertise including structural, mechanical, electrical, geotechnical, and instrumentation engineering. The terms of the as-needed consultant services agreements will each be for a period of 3 years, commencing on the date of full execution of the contract. Each agreement will have two 1-year extension options proposed to be exercised at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or her designee within the not-to-exceed amounts listed above. When services are required for a project, a project-specific scope of work will be negotiated and authorized within the agreement limitations. To ensure that there is no loss of continuity of services, once services for a given project have been

authorized by the County, the expiration dates of such agreements will be automatically extended prior to the stated expiration date as necessary solely to allow for the completion of such scopes of work. In all events, however, the work authorizations will be subject to the respective not-to-exceed monetary limits applicable to said agreements.

The award of the as-needed consultant services agreements will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The agreements will contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

Data regarding the proposers' minority participation is on file with Public Works.

The as-needed consultant services agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action, to establish as-needed consultant services agreements for anticipated future projects, is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA prior to commencement of any activities under the agreements that may constitute a project.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On September 3, 2014, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the as-needed engineering consultant services for engineering and support services for the dams. A total of 37 firms received the RFP. On October 9, 2014, 5 firms submitted proposals for engineering and support services for the dams. An evaluation committee, comprised of staff from Public Works, evaluated the proposals. Evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plans, experience, personnel, qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender and in accordance with the informed averaging methodology.

Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, the evaluation committee recommended URS Corporation, MWH Americas Inc., GEI Consultants Inc., AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment and

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Infrastructure Inc., and Genterra Consultants Inc., as the best-qualified firms to perform the as-needed engineering and support services for the dam projects.

As required by the Board on February 3, 1998, the RFPs were listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

The above firms' Community Business Enterprises participation data and 3-year contracting histories are on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201 does not apply to the recommended agreements. These agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services required are on a part-time and intermittent basis.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the recommended consultant services agreements. These agreements will provide necessary as-needed engineering, design, inspection, telemetry and instrumentation work, and support services in an efficient manner by enhancing the delivery of dam-related flood protection and water resources projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Department of Public Social Services  
(GAIN/GROW Program)